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WHEREAS, consumers can avoid the five cent per plastic bag fee by using reusable bags; and,

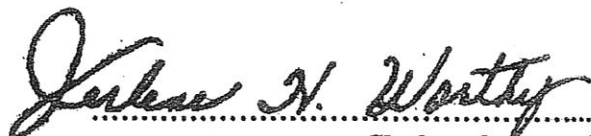
WHEREAS, exempt from the imposition of the fee may be pharmacies for the distribution of prescription drugs, nonprofits, those individuals who qualify for the supplemental nutritional assistance program (SNAP), and for the distribution of fresh produce and meat products; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby request the Mercer County Clerk cause to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming general election on November 4, 2014 the following non-binding public referendum:

“IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE DISPOSABLE BAG
POLLUTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THE RESIDENTS
OF MERCER COUNTY SUPPORT A FIVE CENT (\$.05)
FEE FOR EACH SINGLE-USE PLASTIC DISPOSABLE
BAG PROVIDED WHEN SHOPPING IN ANY GROCERY,
DRUG, OR CONVENIENCE STORE IN MERCER COUNTY
AS AN INCENTIVE TO USE RECYCLABLE BAGS”

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board shall forward a copy of this Resolution to each municipality throughout Mercer County and to each County throughout the State of New Jersey.


Clerk to the Board